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Church News

VIRGINIA.

Washington and Lee University: The commencement closed on Tuesday instead of on Wednesday. Two received the degree of Master of Arts; forty-two the B. A. degree; eight the B. S., and there were forty graduates in law. At the joint celebration of the two literary societies Saturday night, Mr. William Olin Burtner, of Virginia, won the orator's medal. Mr. David Sharp Noble, of West Virginia, received the Santini medal for the best article in the Southern Col-The endowed scholarships legian. were awarded as follows:

Howard Houston Fellowship-William Olin Burtner, Virginia.

Mapleson Scholarship—William Junkin Cox, Virginia.

Vincent L. Bradford Scholarship— Louis Armistead McMurray, Virginia. Luther Seevers Birely Scholarship— Lester Dallas Arnold, Virginia.

Franklin Society Scholarship—Edmund Douglas Campbell, Virginia.

James McDowell Scholarship-Craig Houston Patterson, China.

James J. White Scholarship—Nelson Baker Cranford, Alabama.

Taylor Scholarship—Homer Adams Holt, West Virginia.

Young Scholarship—Roy Windol Legrande, Hurst, South Carolina.

The writer knows of one of the above scholarship winners, who took out a \$50.00 Liberty Loan Bond as his way of using part of what he is to receive.

Washington and Lee's ambulance unit is now at Allentown, Pa., and may be sent to France soon.

Dean Martin Parks Burks, of the Law School, resigned, as he is now a member of the Supreme Court of Virginia. His place as dean is taken by Professor Joseph R. Long,. Mr. Clovis Moomaw resigned from the law faculty to enter the army. His successor is Judge James Quarles, of Louisville, who graduated in the Washington and Lee University law school in 1888.

A. H.

Lexington: Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle, of Union Seminary, presided at a meeting of the session Sunday morning, June 17th, at which a young woman was received on profession of her faith in Christ. At the morning service she was publicly received and baptized by Dr. Lingle, who preached for us morning and night.

Our pastor, Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham, has left for his vacation, and the as-

sistant pastor, Rev. James R. Montgomery, is to take up Dr. Graham's work during this vacation, while Rev. W. W. Ruff and members of the session will carry on Mr. Montgomery's work at neighboring places.

A. H.

Kerr's Creek: On two recent Sabbaths members have been received on profession of their faith without special services. The first Sabbath an afflicted young man, who has never walked since childhood, was carried into the church by a friend, received by the session and baptized. The second Sabbath two heads of families were received, a young lady and two girls, four of whom were baptized. These were occasions of great rejoicing. The Sunday-school gives great encouragement by a large increase and great activity.

Y.

ALABAMA.

Auburn: We have been forced to stop work on our new church, and for one of the most weighty reasons in the world. The building is, however, nearly completed, and we hope to enter it by September, when college opens, "if the way be clear." Certain strenuous efforts will be made throughout the Synod this summer to make this way "clear." A sixty-day campaign conducted through our Sunday-school closed recently netting us in cash for the new church the sum of \$1,030.00, by reason of which we give thanks and take courage.

Selma, Ffrst Church: Since the beginning of the church year (April 1st) to the middle of June, there have been twenty-four additions on profession of faith, and ten by letter. As usual, a number of those coming in by profession are from the Sundayschool, but there have been half a dozen men and women adults, heads of families, several about middle age. No special services have been held, but for some weeks the pastor, Rev. Joseph Dunglinson, has preached very earnest gospel sermons, and has appealed to his hearers outside of the church to take a stand for Christ. The Sunday-school teachers have also been diligently at work.

APPALACHIA.

Abingdon: The installation of Rev. Wesley Baker, of Sinking Spring Presbyterian church took place at the morning service Sunday, June 17th. Rev. Graham Gilmer, of Rural Retreat, preached a very able sermon from the text, Gal. 3:8, taking as his theme, "The Gospel." This was enlarged upon as "The Gospel-Promised, Pictured, Prophesied, Prepared and Practiced." Mr. Gilmer also propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. J. E. Guthrie, of Wyndale, delivered the charge to the minister, and Rev. A. B. Montgomery, of Hawley, delivered the charge to the congregation. All three of these brethren were students with Mr. Baker at Union Theological Seminary, and are now preaching in the vicinity of Abingdon.

Stonewall Jackson College: This college is issuing a most attractive monthly bulletin, which is being read with much interest by those who are so fortunate as to receive a copy.

The initial copy No. 1 was issued the middle of May, while No. 2 for June is just out, replete with information for the parent, and also for the young lady who is thinking of going off to school this fall.

It will be worth the while of both or either to drop a card to J. R. Dobyns, president, Abingdon, Va., and receive a copy of the June number, as it will be mailed cheerfully and with promptness to those who request it.

The immense seventy-six acre

campus of the college will receive such improvements, care and attention during the summer months as the conditions of the season will permit and justify, while the accepted plans of the big Stonewall Jackson Memorial rotunda will receive the early attention as has heretofore been proposed.

M. B. B.

ARKANSAS.

Womble: Those who expect to attend the encampment at Womble, July 15th-29th, will please notify the undersigned, in order that provision may be made for them. Four tents have been furnished by the ladies of the Synod, and there are a number of houses which can be used for camping. Besides this, quite a number can be cared for at the hotels and boarding houses of the town. Unless many more than are expected come, there will be ample room for all. In writing, be sure to say whether you wish to camp or board. Dr. Miley will have charge of the evangelistic services at night. Other ministers will assist in conducting the devotional and educational services of the day, and special provisions have been made for the entertainment and instruction of the children. Mrs. Street will address the ladies every day. Those who were present last year will be best able to describe the pleasures of the trip, and many of them expect to return this summer. It seems increasingly probable that this will become a permanent summer encampment for the Presbyterians of Arkansas, and it is hoped that all will work and pray to this end.

John T. Barr.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Westminster: This congregation has promptly taken advantage of its opportunity to move to a new location a half a mile north of its old site, to the corner of the Boulevard and Ponce De Leon Avenue. This will still enable the church to serve its old territory, and at same time puts it in a community in which there is no church at present of any denomination.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, the following resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted:

"The Presbyterian Ministers' Association has learned with much satisfaction of the united and prompt action of the congregation of Westminster church in selecting their new location at the corner of the Boulevard and Ponce De Leon Avenue, and expresses its conviction that it will mark the beginning of a period of splendid growth and usefulness."

It is not the purpose of the church to erect its building now, owing to abnormal building conditions, but to erect a tabernacle that will be comfortable and usable till the war is

Already a number of persons have applied for membership, and the loyalty and hopefulness of the congregation is an inspiration to its pastor.

A. A. L.

Hazlehurst: One elder, J. W.

Miles, has been added to the session,
and one deacon, Dr. Robert Montgomery, added to the board of
deacons. Eight additions to the
church in past year. Some growth
also in the grace of giving.

Trinity is a small church, four miles out from Hazlehurst. One elder, J. A. Walker, was ordained and installed June 17th. Also a Sunday-school was organized. Rev. A. F. Laird supplies Hazlehurst and Trinity, under a recent plan to supply our churches, on the third and fifth Sundays in the month.

Flemington, the other member of the group, has three Sundays a month. At a mission point six miles from Flemington recently two were added to church on profession. In all, ten have been added to church at Flemington in last four months.

A. F. Laird.

Commerce: The new and handsome house of worship of the Presbyterian church of this city was dedicated to the worship of God Sabbath morning, June 17th. The Baptist and Methodist people were present with us on this occasion, and also quite a number from neighboring Presbyterian churches. The entire service was of a very impressive character. The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. L. Hill, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Athens, from the text, Matthew 16:17, 18. His sermon was of a high order, and commanded the closest attention of the large congregation. The special dedicatory service then followed, conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. R. Henderson. The occasion was a notable one in the history of this people, crowning as it did the long, hard struggle through which they had passed in the erection of this beautiful and spacious church edifice.

Rockmart: This church has secured the services of Rev. T. M. Stribling, of Cedartown, as stated supply for one Sunday in each month, and the church seems to be taking on new life

Faceville has recently taken on a Christian Endeavor Society. The members are taking part in the exercises with commendable zeal. Rev. J. W. Stokes preaches here morning and night of the first Sundays.

Hanna Town is four miles south of Faceville and the people of the community show their appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Stokes in their behalf by attending services Friday and Saturday nights before the first Sundays. They also are liberal in their contributions to the "Gospel car" that brings this preacher into their midst.

Green Shade is the Sunday afternoon appointment where many of the members of the Faceville church are carrying on a Sunday-school.

Attapulgus is the third Sunday appointment of Mr. Stokes. There is here a flourishing Sabbath school that is rapidly moving toward the goal of its ambition, "A model Presbyterian school."

Amsterdam is the large plantation of the Southern Sumatra Tobacco Company. Services are held here by Mr. Stokes on Friday or Saturday night before the third Sabbaths and are well attended. The afternoons of the third Sundays preaching is held in some neighboring community or other as opportunity is presented or as occasion is made.

Donalsonville is the most abitious burg of Decatur county. A splendid farming section surrounds it. The members of the Presbyterian church took part on the fourth Sabbath in May in the first installation service in the history of their church. Rev. J. E. Ward, Rev. R. S. Sanders and Elder J. E. Donalson were present at the time. Twice a month Mr. Stokes preaches here now and will occupy the house that this church has bought for a manse, on his return from his vacation about September 1st. Mr. Stokes and family expect to motor through the mountains of Georgia and the Carolinas with Montreat as an objective in July and August.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Presbytery of Mecklenburg met in adjourned session in the Rockingham Presbyterian church, June 13, 1917, at 2:30 P. M., and was opened with